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there are no further lights on. Did you wish to close on your motion to reconsider? Senator Brown waives closing. The question before the body is to reconsider the vote taken on the Erdman amendment, AM2095. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 5 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to reconsider.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion to reconsider was successful. Senator Erdman, to open on your motion.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members. It feels like we've been here before. The blue sheet that you have once again spells out what the contents of AM2095 are. We had the fabled motion or the fabled amendment that was supposed to have support of everyone; obviously we didn't have it. I've had some discussion with members who in some of the other parts of the state weren't allowed to cut precinct lines and all that so I think this is consistency throughout the state. This amendment I believe is the most fairest compromise we can have for those parties involved. We have worked, once again I have tried three times to work some type of compromise where we can all agree, hasn't happened. We've got four of the five as far as what's in there. I would encourage Senator Schrock's vote. I would encourage Senator Cudaback's vote on this issue as well. Let's come back to the whole issue. We're talking about community of interest. We're talking about maintaining districts that are easily identified by voters. Precinct lines I think would be easily identified by voters. Now if it said easily identified by people, we could draw a line wherever we wanted to, but we're talking about voters, people that already go to the polls. If they know where they vote, they know which precinct they're in, makes sense. I understand concerns are on both sides as far as what we're doing here. But I think this is fairness for the state. Remove the senators involved. Remove the senators involved and look at the face of the amendment. What is it accomplishing? It's accomplishing better deviations. It's accomplishing districts that maintain a greater amount of the cores of the prior district. They're substantially equal in population. They're easily identifiable to voters. They follow